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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5      A knife is provided with a sliding blade cover that protects the knife blade  
when not in use. The knife comprises a knife body having a top edge, a bottom  
edge, a proximal edge, a distal edge and a midsection between the top, bottom,  
proximal and distal edges. A slot extends at least a part of the way through the  
midsection along the length of the knife body. A knife blade extends from the  
bottom edge of the knife body. A blade cover is slidably mounted in the slot. The  
blade cover has at least one top portion that extends into the slot and two  
10      downwardly extending side portions attached to the at least one top portion. The  
blade cover is moveable within the slot between a first position where the two  
downwardly extending side portions cover the left and right sides of the blade  
and a second position where the two downwardly extending side portions do not  
15      cover the sides of the blade.

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